

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2015 WESTSIDE ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Westside Block, Brown Estate
Appellation	Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French American
Alcohol	15.5% by vol.
Production	700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Vineyard Source

Our Westside zinfandel takes its name from the westerly location on our estate property where its namesake vineyard – a true outlier in every sense – grows. This far-flung corner of our land, home also to our small but heroic chardonnay vineyard, is our own wild, wild West. Volcanic and desert-like, the soil “out there” is rich with minerals. It also poses formidable challenges for flora that seek to thrive there. Concealed beneath the brushy floor of an adjacent chaparral forest are boulders the size of Volkswagen Bugs. In this roughneck wilderness, the vines themselves are subject in the morning to the coldest temperatures anywhere on our property, and in the afternoon, the hottest. These extreme conditions yield extraordinary zinfandel fruit that embodies a rarefied balance between ripeness and structure, a winning combination that produces one of the most stunning examples of the zinfandel varietal you’ll find anywhere.

Tasting Notes

Lithe and ethereal with a ruby core and soft rose rim, this wine sparkles in the glass with crystalline clarity. Swirl to reveal a buoyant bouquet of orange blossom, tuberose, and caramel-shrouded vanilla bean. Following closely are grounding notes of cedar, flint, and tobacco that banter with effervescent cola and subtle clove. Missing is Westside’s hallmark note of wild strawberries in the field, now replaced by black cherry compote with winter spice and crumble. Smooth and silky mouthfeel evokes antique velvet. Seamless integration and complex architecture make this wine one to remember long after it’s gone. Drink now through 2022 and savor while you do; this is our second to last vintage of Westside Zinfandel from the original vines!